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In re Application of: CLARK et al

Application No.: 10/056,958

Filed: 10/22/2001

For: EVACUATED HYBRID OVENIZED OSCILLATOR
Delaware Capital Formation,

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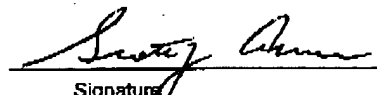
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Terminal Disclaimer for Non-Statutory Double Patenting

The Office rejects claims 1-10, 12-14, 21 and 22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent 5,917,272 in view of IEEE Frequency Control Symposium, 1996.

The Office issued a Double Patenting rejection, and Applicant encloses herein a statutory terminal disclaimer (Form PTO/SB/26) and statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) to advance processing and obviate the rejection based on non-statutory double patenting. The issued patent and the above-referenced application share common ownership.

It should be understood the filing of a terminal disclaimer to obviate a rejection based on nonstatutory double patenting is **not** an admission of the propriety of the rejection. *Quad Environmental Technologies Corp. v. Union Sanitary District*, 946 F.2d 870, 20 USPQ2d 1392 (Fed. Cir. 1991). The court indicated that the "filing of a terminal disclaimer simply serves the statutory function of removing the rejection of double patenting, and raises neither a presumption nor estoppel on the merits of the rejection."

Thus, a rejection based on a nonstatutory type of double patenting is obviated by filing a terminal disclaimer in the application or proceeding in which the rejection is made. *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); *In re Knohl*, 386 F.2d 476, 155 USPQ 586 (CCPA 1967); and *In re Griswold*, 365 F.2d 834, 150 USPQ 804 (CCPA 1966). Applicant agrees to a terminal disclaimer to advance processing of the present application, and it is not an admission of the propriety or merits of the rejection. Applicant respectfully request acceptance of the enclosed terminal disclaimer and allowance of claims 1-10, 12-14, 21 and 22.

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Telephone Interview

As this is an After Final (AF) response, Applicant request that the Office contact the undersigned for a telephone interview if less than all the claims are allowed in order for the Applicant to review any remaining objection or rejection in order to expedite processing and advance the present application into condition for allowance.

Applicant believes the above amendments and remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Applicant requests speedy reconsideration, and further requests that Examiner contact its attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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